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TAGS: CASC, CA (ERLANGER, STEVE)
SUBJECT: W/W: SHOOTING OF STEVE ERLANGER

REF: KELLER-DOBRENUK TELECON APRIL 5, 1978

1. STEVE ERLANGER, ASSISTANT FOREIGN EDITOR OF BOSTON
GLOBE, WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED BY UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANT AT
OTTAWA HOLIDAY INN MORNING OF APRIL 5. ERLANGER WAS
ATTACKED AT DOOR OF HOTEL ROOM. ATTEMPTED ROBBERY SUSPECTED
BUT INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

2. ERLANGER UNDERWENT SURGERY APRIL 5 FOR WOUND IN ABDOMEN.
HIS CONDITION APRIL 6 IS DESCRIBED AS FAIR AND STABLE.
HE WAS IN OTTAWA PREPARING FEATURE STORY AND WAS ABOUT TO
LEAVE FOR MONTREAL WHEN SHOT.

3. EMBASSY WAS NOTIFIED BY DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
WHICH HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY CANADIAN CONSULATE BOSTON BASED
ON TELEPHONE REPORT FROM GLOBE. CONSUL GENERAL MET ERLANGER'S
WIFE AND MOTHER EVENING OF APRIL 5 AND TOOK THEM TO
OTTAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL WHERE THEY WERE ALLOWED TO VISIT
PATIENT IMMEDIATELY. ERLANGER WAS CONSCIOUS AND ABLE TO
CONVERSE, BUT CONSUL GENERAL DID NOT QUESTION HIM CONCERN-
ING INCIDENT AT THAT TIME.

4. CANADIAN AGENCIES, OBVIOUSLY HORRIFIED BY ATTACK ON
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JOURNALIST WHO HAD JUST INTERVIEWED SOME TOP OFFICIALS,
HAVE BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY SOLICITOUS AND HELPFUL. HOS-
PITAL COOPERATION IS OUTSTANDING. EMBASSY IS MAINTAINING
CONTACT WITH ERLANGER FAMILY AND WITH BOSTON GLOBE.
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